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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

REGINA RINES, ) Case No. 1:21-cv-01113-BAK (EPG)  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. ) STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR  
KILOLO KIJAKAZI, Acting ) EXTENSION OF TIME  
Commissioner of Social Security, ) (ECF No. 12)  
Defendant. )

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, by and between the parties through their respective counsel of record, with the Court's approval, that Plaintiff shall have a 60-day extension of time, from February 25, 2022 to April 26, 2022, for Plaintiff to serve on defendant with Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment. All other dates in the Court's Scheduling Order shall be extended accordingly.

This is Plaintiff's first request for an extension of time. Good cause exists for this extension. As this Court is well aware, Social Security case filings in federal court increased due to a combination of factors including an increase in appeals council decisions and an increase in hearings at the administrative levels. Then, as a result of the pandemic, shelter-in-place mandates, and Court ordered Stays, there were significant delays in producing transcripts. In

1 recent months, Counsel for the Plaintiff has received a greater-than-usual number of Answers  
2 and Certified Administrative Records from defendant including over 60 cases in November and  
3 December 2021.

4 For the weeks of February 21, 2022 and February 28, 2022, Counsel for Plaintiff has 17  
5 merit briefs, and several letter briefs and reply briefs. Counsel also has 16 administrative  
6 hearings before the Office of Hearings Operations. For the month of March 2022, Counsel has  
7 over 22 merit briefs, in addition to reply briefs, and EAJA motions. Lastly, another attorney with  
8 the firm, Ms. Dolly Trompeter, is currently out of state due to her father's medical condition and  
9 as a result, the undersigned has taken on additional matters compounding the need for an  
10 additional extension.

11 Counsel for the Plaintiff does not intend to further delay this matter. Defendant does not  
12 oppose the requested extension. Counsel apologizes to the Defendant and Court for any  
13 inconvenience this may cause.

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15 Respectfully submitted,

16 Dated: February 9, 2022 PENA & BROMBERG, ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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18 By: /s/ Jonathan Omar Pena  
19 JONATHAN OMAR PENA  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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21 Dated: February 9, 2022 PHILLIP A. TALBERT  
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24 Acting Regional Chief Counsel, Region IX  
Social Security Administration

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27 Patrick Snyder  
Special Assistant United States Attorney  
28 Attorneys for Defendant  
(\*As authorized by email on February 9, 2022)

## ORDER

Based on the above stipulation (ECF No. 12), IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff shall file Plaintiff's opening brief no later than April 26, 2022. All other deadlines in the Court's scheduling order are extended accordingly.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 11, 2022

/S/ Eric P. Grujic

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**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

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